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4-18-344. Testing bulk meters or liquefied petroleum gas metering devices, pumps, and scales used for commercial transactions.

(a) (1) As used in this section, “pump” means a fuel pump that dispenses products used as motor vehicle fuels, including, but not limited to, gasoline, kerosene, or diesel.

(2) As used in this section, “bulk meter” includes, but is not limited to, a pipeline terminal meter, a rack meter, or a tank truck meter.

(b) (1) (A) A person who owns a bulk meter or liquefied petroleum gas metering device for a commercial transaction must engage a registered service agent to annually inspect and test for the accuracy and correctness of the device.

(B) The duty of the Director of the Arkansas Bureau of Standards to inspect and test bulk meters or liquefied petroleum gas metering devices used for commercial transactions is fulfilled by the registered service agent's annual inspection and test for accuracy.

(2) (A) A person who owns a pump or scale for a commercial transaction must engage a registered service agent to annually inspect and test for the accuracy and correctness of the pump or scale.

(B) The director's duty to inspect and test pumps or scales used for commercial transactions is fulfilled by the registered service agent's annual inspection and test for accuracy.

(c) A registered service agent shall perform the recalibration if the inspection or test indicates the bulk meter or liquefied petroleum gas metering device, pump, or scale needs to be recalibrated.

(d) (1) After the approval of a decal by the Arkansas Bureau of Standards, a registered service agent shall place an approved decal conspicuously on the bulk meter or liquefied petroleum gas metering device, pump, or scale which indicates that it is suitable for trade in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44 and 112, as adopted by the bureau.

(2) A registered service company shall provide security seals approved by the bureau to any individual employed as a registered technician authorized to perform inspections and tests.

(3) A registered technician shall place an approved security seal on the device to prevent any unauthorized access to the adjusting mechanism unless otherwise authorized by the bureau.

(e) The registered service agent shall provide a copy of all bureau-approved inspection and test reports to the bulk meter or liquefied petroleum gas metering device, pump, or scale owner and to the director.

(f) (1) The registered service agent shall retain a copy of all inspection and test reports for a period of three (3) years.

(2) The owner of the device shall retain a copy of all inspection and test reports at the device location for a period of three (3) years.

(g) The director may adopt a system to periodically monitor, inspect, or test bulk meters or liquefied petroleum gas metering devices, pumps, and scales inspected and tested by a registered service agent to check the accuracy of the work of the service agent.

(h) (1) The director may suspend or revoke the certificate of registration of a registered service agent for violating any provision of this subchapter.

(2) If the registration of a registered service agent has been suspended or revoked, then the service agent may not register with the bureau as a service agent for at least one (1) year.

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